

# STATE OF ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES— FY09 IT STRATEGIC PLAN WORKSHEET

## IT MISSION

**To provide information technology services supporting the mission of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources**

## IT VISION

**To lead the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' efforts to efficiently and innovatively apply information technologies in order to better serve the people of Alabama**

## VALUES

- Service  
*We are dedicated to meeting the IT needs of the ADCNR and its stakeholders*
- Excellence  
*We provide superior IT services consistently enhancing our users' efficient use of allocated resources*
- Integrity  
*We are committed to an organizational environment based on the highest standards of professionalism, honesty, and ethical behavior*
- Teamwork  
*We are committed to maintaining the communication, expertise, and mutual support required for IT staff to be effective team members while fostering collaboration with our users and stakeholders*

## STAKEHOLDERS (Expectations)

### CUSTOMERS

- ADCNR divisions and employees  
  
*Expectations*
- *Reliable, dependable, and responsive services, systems, and support*
- *IT options and solutions that focus on user needs*
- *IT staff can clearly communicate IT capabilities and options to users*

- *Ensure data integrity is maintained during collection and processing*
- *Stable, cost-effective services and support that increase services without substantial cost increases*
- *IT staff remain current and knowledgeable to support and exploit newer information technologies*
- *Greater online services*
- *Work with content managers to ensure website is current, accurate, and available*
- *Provide evidence showing impact of IT on business practices and departmental functions and outcomes*
- *Legacy systems will be maintained at a level allowing a smooth transition to new operations and systems*

## PARTNERS AND LEADERS

- Business partners
- Other governmental agencies
- General public  
*Expectations*
- *Reliable, dependable, and responsive online services*
- *Current, accurate, comprehensive, and well designed website that is available 24/7*

## STRENGTHS

- Dedicated, knowledgeable IT staff
- Ability to overcome shortfalls to meet customer needs

## WEAKNESSES

- Current demands for IT services outpace staffing and resource capabilities
- Lack of standardized information technology, application, and accounting processes and systems in Divisions.
- Lack of training and tools for data management and manipulation

## OPPORTUNITIES

- Expansion of Web-based applications, information, and services
- Development of emerging business partnerships

## THREATS

- Lack of adequate Department funding to consistently support services and mission
- The State Personnel system does not consistently recruit and identify qualified applicants that meet IT staffing needs
- Inconsistent leadership and services from ISD, including levying unfunded mandates and failing to establish a cost-effective statewide information systems infrastructure
- Inadequate space to permit growth needed to meet departmental IT needs

## WORKLOAD MEASURES (1-2(4))

- W1: # of computer systems(hardware and software) supported
- W2: # of work hours to develop applications

## ASSUMPTIONS

- FY08 initiatives are on schedule
- Funding will remain consistent with historical trends and levels
- Department leadership continues to support IT goals and initiatives
- Current staffing shortfall will be internally addressed by the end of FY08
- Tax issues associated with boat registration system implementation are resolved with Revenue and Probate by the end of FY07

## KEY GOALS (1-3)

- G1: Support current Departmental initiatives to improve critical services, business practices, and efficiencies by using information technology to implement a document imaging and management system, property management system, and boat

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registration system by the end of FY11. (GP2, 3, 4 & 5)

G2: Ensure all locations meet established Department standards for critical information technologies and applications by the end of FY10. (GP2)

G3: Develop and implement Web-based applications to improve public access and reduce current Department paper driven processes by 17% by the end of FY09. (GP2, 3 and 5)

## OBJECTIVES

OBJ1: Complete implementation of the document imaging and management system in 14 Departmental units. (G1) (# of identified Department units with document imaging and management system implemented)

OBJ2: Complete implementation of the property management system in all selected State Parks locations (5 of 22 locations). (G1) (# of identified State Parks locations with property management system implemented)

OBJ3: Ensure all (currently 67) identified agents have implemented the boat registration system. (G1) (# of identified agents with boat registration system implemented)

OBJ1: Ensure that 75% of remote locations meet established Department standards for critical information technologies and applications. (G2) (% of remote locations meeting established Department standards for critical information technologies and applications)

OBJ1: Develop and implement Web-based applications to reduce # current Department paper driven processes. (G3) (reduction in # and cost of primary Department paper driven processes)

## CRITICAL ISSUES

EC1: ISD needs to work with appropriate agencies and vendors to fund and create an affordable State wide-area network that enables the availability of IT services at remote locations, especially State Parks and law enforcement. (G1)

EC2: We need alternative service solutions to ISD when their services and prices are not competitive. (G1)

EC3: State Personnel needs to work with Department to ensure qualifications needed to be placed on the register accurately reflect skills needed to support the Department's initiatives. (G1)

## STRATEGIES & ACTION PLANS\* (Person Responsible/Estimated Completion Date)

S1: Continue imaging and management system implementation throughout the Department. (G1)

- A. Install imaging workstation hardware in scheduled units. (J. Gallacher) (31 May 09)
- B. Install imaging workstation software in scheduled units. (R. Mitchell) (31 May 09)
- C. Deploy imaging and management system procedures and processes. (R. Mitchell) (30 Jun 09)
- D. Appropriately train unit personnel on imaging system and processes. (J. Gallacher) (30 Sept 09)
- E. Monitor and evaluate imaging and management system operation. (J. Gallacher) (30 Sept 08)
- F. Assess and report project progress. (J. Perry) (30 Sep 09)
- G. Revise project schedule, as required. (J. Perry) (30 Sep 09)

S2: Complete implementation of the property management system in all 5 selected State Parks locations. (G1)

- A. Install required hardware in scheduled State Parks locations. (J. Gallacher) (31 May 09)
- B. Install required software in scheduled locations. (J. Gallacher) (31 May 09)
- C. Implement property management system procedures and processes in scheduled locations. (J. Perry) (15 Aug 09)
- D. Appropriately train State Parks personnel on property management system and processes. (J. Gallacher) (15 Sept 09)
- E. Monitor and evaluate property management system operation. (J. Perry) (15 Sept 09)
- F. Assess and report project completion. (J. Perry) (30 Sep 09)

S3: Ensure identified agents have implemented the boat registration system. (G1)

- A. Complete procedures and processes to ensure identified agents are added to the boat registration system. (C. Henson) (31 Mar 09)
- B. Appropriately train identified agents on the boat registration system and processes. (C. Henson) (31 Mar 09)
- C. Monitor use of the boat registration system by identified agents. (C. Henson) (30 Sept 09)
- D. Assess and report project progress. (S. Self) (30 Sep 09)
- E. Revise project schedule, as required. (S. Self) (30 Sep 09)

S4: The Department will work with ISD to work with appropriate agencies and vendors to fund and create an affordable State wide-area network that enables the availability of IT services at remote locations, especially State Parks and law enforcement. (G1-EC11)

- A. Identify wide-area network requirements and limitations. (J. Gallacher) (1 Oct 07)
- B. Report network shortfalls to the Commissioner's Office. (J. Perry) (1 Oct 07)

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- S5: The Department will work with State Personnel to ensure qualifications needed to be placed on the register accurately reflect skills needed to support the Department's initiatives. (G1-EC3)
- A. Identify required skills and review existing registers for qualified candidates. (J. Perry) (ongoing)
  - B. Report staffing shortfalls, resulting from inadequate personnel registers, to the Commissioner's Office. (J. Perry) (ongoing)
- S1: Identify alternative services to ISD and present through agency leadership cost savings with alternatives. (EC2)
- A. Select opportunities where we can improve cost and pricing
  - B. Get quotes and to agency leadership as an alternative. proposals
  - C. Propose to management.
- S1: Ensure selected remote locations meet established Department standards for critical information technologies and applications. (G2)
- A. Identify shortfalls across selected remote locations in meeting established Departmental standards. (J. Gallacher) (31 Jan 09)
  - B. Determine options and costs of addressing identified shortfalls. (J. Gallacher) (30 Apr 09)
  - C. Procure or develop selected options to address shortfalls. (J. Perry) (15 Jun 09)
  - D. Implement options. (J. Gallacher) (1 Sep 09)
  - E. Assess resulting compliance with Department standards. (J. Gallacher) (15 Sep 09)
  - F. Report on project progress and revise schedule as required. (J. Perry) (30 Sep 09)
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- S1: Develop and implement Web-based applications to reduce current Department paper driven processes. (G3)
- A. Work with appropriate users to determine project requirements. (R. Mitchell) (15 Jan 09)
- B. Complete development and testing for each identified project application. (R. Mitchell) (15 Jun 09)
  - C. Implement and assess applications. (R. Mitchell) (15 Aug 09)
  - D. Train users on new applications and systems, as required. (R. Mitchell) (15 Aug 09)
  - E. Work with users to assess impact of new applications on paper driven processes and annual Departmental administrative costs. (R. Mitchell) (30 Sep 09)